

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EDUCATION LICENSURE COMMISSION

Public Session No. 15-03

March 19, 2015

Old Council Chambers

441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW

1<sup>st</sup> floor

Washington, DC 20001

10:30 am

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Gailda Davis called the meeting to order at 10:39 am.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Gailda P. Davis, Ed.D., Chair  
Commissioner Johnetta G. Davis, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
Commissioner Mary E. Dilworth, Ed.D., Secretary  
Commissioner Joanne D. Joyner, Ph.D.

Staff Present:

Angela Lee, Executive Director  
Alesia Henry, Education Compliance Specialist  
Dorothy Thomas, Education Compliance Specialist  
Adrienne Day, Assistant General Counsel

Guests Present:

Edit Hair Academy  
Gina Vaughan  
Kelly Gorsuch  
Jull Heizev

Nationwide Training Institute  
Bisrat Hailemesrel  
Janet Folum  
Erfan Nelson

EC English  
Amy C. Dorcy  
David Matthew

## **II. Ascertainment of Quorum**

All four (4) Commission members were present constituting a quorum.

## **III. Approval of the Agenda**

The Commission voted to approve the March 19, 2015 agenda.

## **IV. Approval of January 8, 2015 meeting minutes**

The Commission voted to approve minutes from the January 8, 2015 meeting.

## **V. Commission Approved Applications**

### **A. One year approval list**

The Commission voted to approve the following applications for a period of one (1) year, not to exceed March 31, 2016.

#### **Institutions**

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences (D)

Beauty Basics, Inc. d/b/a Aveda Institute Washington, DC (ND)

BUEI, LLC (ND)

General Assembly (ND)

Home Care Partners, Inc. (ND)

Innovative Institute, Inc. (ND)

Lesley University (D)

National Conservatory of Dramatic Arts (ND)

NCC Career Academy (ND)

Radians College (D)

#### **License Type**

Renewal

Renewal

Renewal/Amendment (modified program)

Renewal/Amendment (New Programs)

Renewal

Renewal

Renewal/Amendment (New Program)

Renewal

Renewal/Amendment (New Program)

Renewal

#### **Conditional Exemption**

Kaplan International (ND)

#### **Approval Type**

Amendment (New Location)

#### **Agents**

University of Alabama (D)

Michelle Zumpano (P)

### **B. Two year approval list**

The Commission voted to approve the following applications for a period of two (2) years not to exceed March 31, 2017.

#### **Institutions**

ELS Language Centers (ND)

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (D)

#### **License Type**

Renewal

Renewal/Amendment (new programs)

Key: (D) – Degree Institution (ND) – Non-Degree Institution (P) – Provisional (R) – Renewal  
(A) – Amendment

## **VI. Provisional Application**

### **A. Edit Hair Academy**

Edit Hair Academy submitted to the Commission an application for provisional licensure to offer programs in Cosmetology and Cosmetology Instructor.

The Commission discovered that the application had areas of deficiency that did not demonstrate compliance with the Education Licensure Commission standards for a non-degree institution to operate in the District of Columbia offering Cosmetology programs. The Commission accepted the request of the Edit Hair Academy from Mr. Kelly Gorsuch to withdraw the application.

## **VII. Renewal/Amendment Applications**

### **A. Nationwide Training Institute**

Nationwide Training Institute submitted a license renewal application to the Commission to offer programs in pharmacy technician, dental assistant and home health aide. They also requested an amendment to their license to add a database administrator course as a part of their home health aide program. Additionally, the institution submitted a corrective action plan to improve institution performance based on concerns presented at the November 2014 public session of the Commission.

The Commission voted to approve the license renewal of Nationwide Training Institute for a period of one (1) year not to exceed March 31, 2016 with the condition of submitting the annual data survey and revised handbook both by close of business March 27, 2015.

### **B. Technical Learning Center (Amendment-add trade name)**

Technical Learning Center submitted to the Commission a license amendment application to use the trade name DuPont College. The Commission approved the institution to expand from a non-degree to a degree granting institution and this request is to change the name to match the degree granting authority.

The Commission voted to approve the license amendment application to use the trade name DuPont College with the condition of updating the website, catalog and any printed materials and signage.

## **VIII. Conditional Exemption Requests**

### **A. EC English**

EC English submitted to the Commission a request for Conditional Exemption to offer English instruction in Washington, DC for international students with temporary and non-immigrant visas who wish to learn and improve their skills in the English language. There are no credits given to students who participate in the program.

The Commission voted to approve the request of EC English to receive a Conditional Exemption to offer education that is avocational for a period of one (1) year, not to exceed March 31, 2016 with the condition of adding language on all advertisement; *EC Washington, DC is not affiliated with the federal or District of Columbia government*

**B. Hazelden Graduate School of Addiction Studies**

Hazelden Graduate School of Addiction Studies submitted to the Commission a request for Conditional Exemption to offer experiential learning opportunities to residents of the District of Columbia currently enrolled:

- (1) in the Master of Arts: Integrated Recovery for Co-Occurring Disorders (online program) and
- (2) students enrolled in the Master of Arts in Addiction Counseling and Master of Arts in Addiction Council Advanced Practice (offered in Center City, MN) MN who are interested in moving to the District upon completion of their degree.

The Commission voted to approve the request of Hazelden Graduate School of Addiction Studies to receive a Conditional Exemption under the provisions of ELC regulations for “education provided as a local offering of a foreign institution” for a period of one (1) year, not to exceed March 31, 2016.

**IX. Correspondence and Communications**

**A. Strayer University**

Strayer University submitted notification to the Commission of The Strayer University Corporation’s plan to convert from a Maryland corporation to “Strayer University, LLC,” a Maryland limited liability company. Ownership of the University remains 100% vested in Strayer Education, Inc. and all officers and Trustees of the University are the same as they were prior to the conversion.

The Commission accepted notification from Strayer University no action is required.

**B. The University of Mississippi**

The University of Mississippi submitted to the Commission notification of adding (2) onsite programs to the January 13, 2015 approved conditional exemption; Study USA-POL 398 (The Politics of Money) and Study USA – CHEM 251 (Biomedical Research).

The Commission accepted notification from The University of Mississippi. Due to the changes remaining under the 25 percent of the total degree requirement no action is required.

**C. Ethiopian Community Center (ECC)**

The Ethiopian Community Center provided a letter of response to the Commission because of a referral from the ELC to the Office of the Attorney General regarding the suspicion of unlicensed activity. The Executive Director, the Assistant General Counsel and a representative for the Office of the Attorney General have a meeting scheduled Tuesday, March 24, 2015, with the ECC director to determine the facts, which will be reported back to the Commission.

No action is required at this time by the Commission.

**D. Citiwide Computer Training Center**

Citiwide Computer Training Center provided a letter of response to the Commission because of a referral from the ELC to the Office of the Attorney General regarding the suspicion of unlicensed activity. The Executive Director, the Assistant General Counsel and a representative for the Office of the Attorney General have a meeting Monday, March 23, 2015, with the executive director Mr. Anthony Chuukwu to

determine if nursing assistant and home health aide programs are continuing to be offered since. An update from the meeting will be reported back to the Commission.

No action is required at this time by the Commission.

**E. National Labor College**

The National Labor College submitted to the Commission a request to extend their current license, which expires April 30, 2015 to allow students to complete their studies and graduate from the College by December 31, 2015.

The Commission voted to approve the license extension request and waive the license renewal fee for the National Labor College with the condition of submitting the closure plan that was submitted to Middle States Commission on Higher Education by March 31, 2015.

**X. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)**

No public comments.


**XI. Approval of 2014-16 Strategic Plan**

The Commission voted to approve the 2014-16 Strategic Plan of the ELC.

**XII. Adjournment**

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner Mary E. Dilworth, Ed.D.  
Secretary